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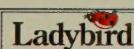
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Once upon a time there lived a beautiful young princess called Snow White. Snow White's father was dead, and her stepmother the Queen hated her. She was jealous of Snow White's beauty and forced her to dress in rags and work in the castle.

The Queen had a magic mirror.

"Magic mirror on the wall," she would say, "who is the fairest of them all?"

The mirror always told the Queen she was the fairest. But one day, it replied:

*Famed is thy beauty, Majesty,
But hold – a lovely maid I see –
Alas, she is more fair than thee ...
Lips red as a rose, hair black
as ebony, skin white as snow ...*

"Snow White!" hissed the angry Queen.







One day, Snow White was singing as she collected water from the well. Her voice was so lovely that a Prince who was passing by stopped to listen.

As the Prince and Snow White gazed at each other they knew they were falling in love.

The Queen saw the Prince and Snow White and became wild with jealousy. She decided to destroy Snow White.

She called her chief huntsman and ordered him to take Snow White deep into the forest and kill her.

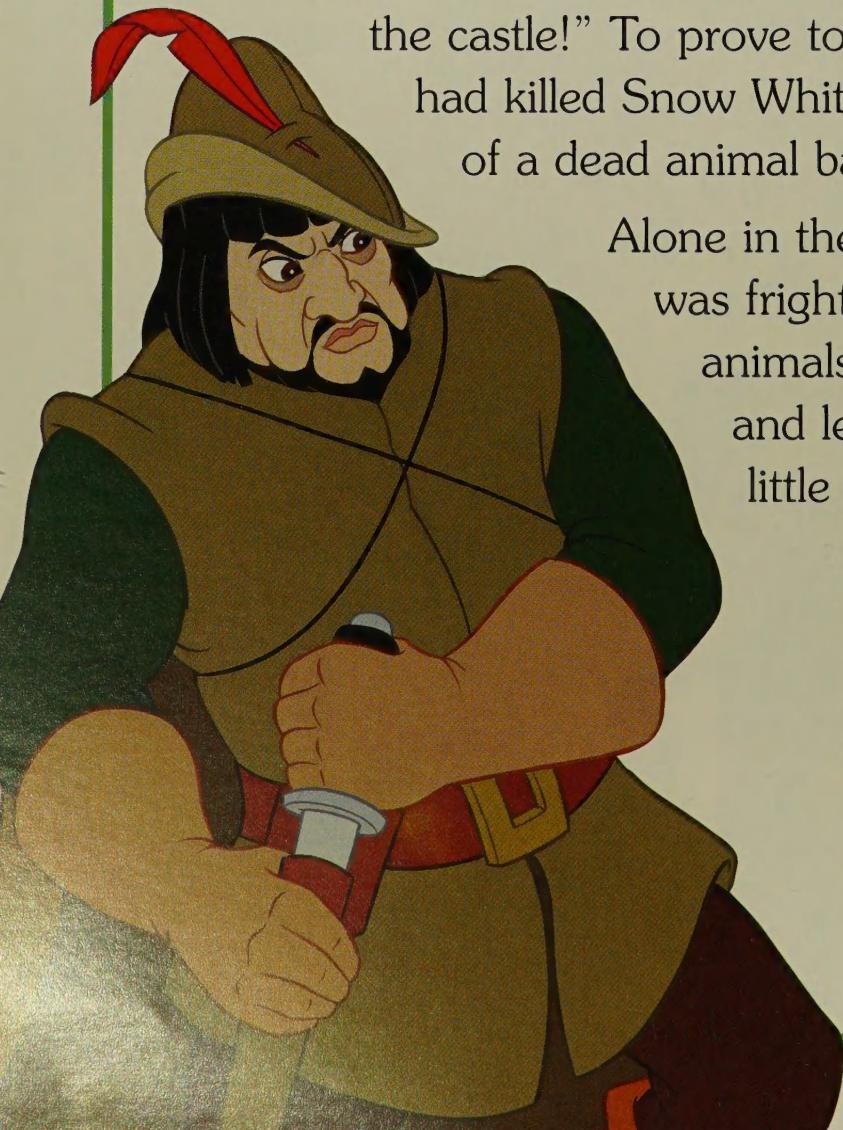
“To prove that you have done the deed, bring me back her heart,” she said.



The huntsman took Snow White into the forest, but he could not bring himself to kill the lovely Princess.

“Run away,” he told her, “and never go back to the castle!” To prove to the Queen that he had killed Snow White, he took the heart of a dead animal back to the castle.

Alone in the forest, Snow White was frightened. But the forest animals gathered around and led her to a cosy little cottage.









The little cottage belonged to seven dwarfs. When the dwarfs arrived home and saw the light on in their little house, they were scared. They thought there might be a robber or a goblin inside. Instead they found soup bubbling in a pot on the fire. And it smelled good! The dwarfs went upstairs to investigate and found a beautiful girl sleeping in their beds!

Snow White told them what had happened to her. "If I go back, the Queen will kill me," she said. "Please let me stay here."



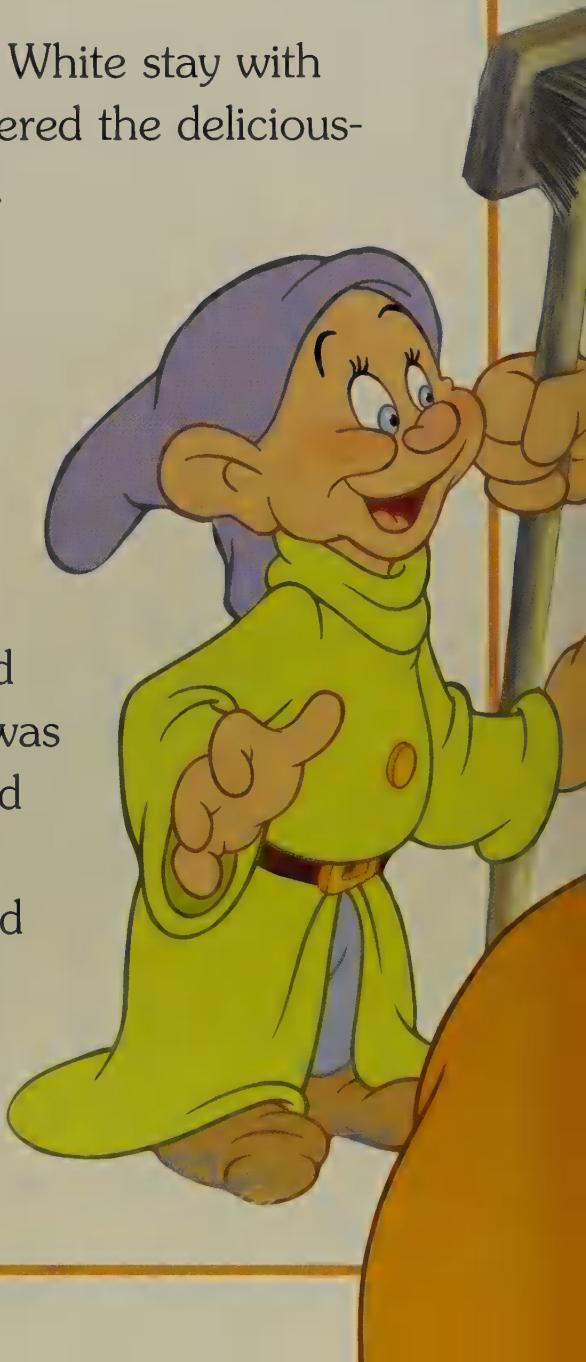
The dwarfs were happy to let Snow White stay with them, especially when they remembered the delicious-smelling soup simmering on the fire.

“Time for supper!” they said, rushing downstairs.

“Just a minute,” said Snow White.
“You’ll have to wash first!”

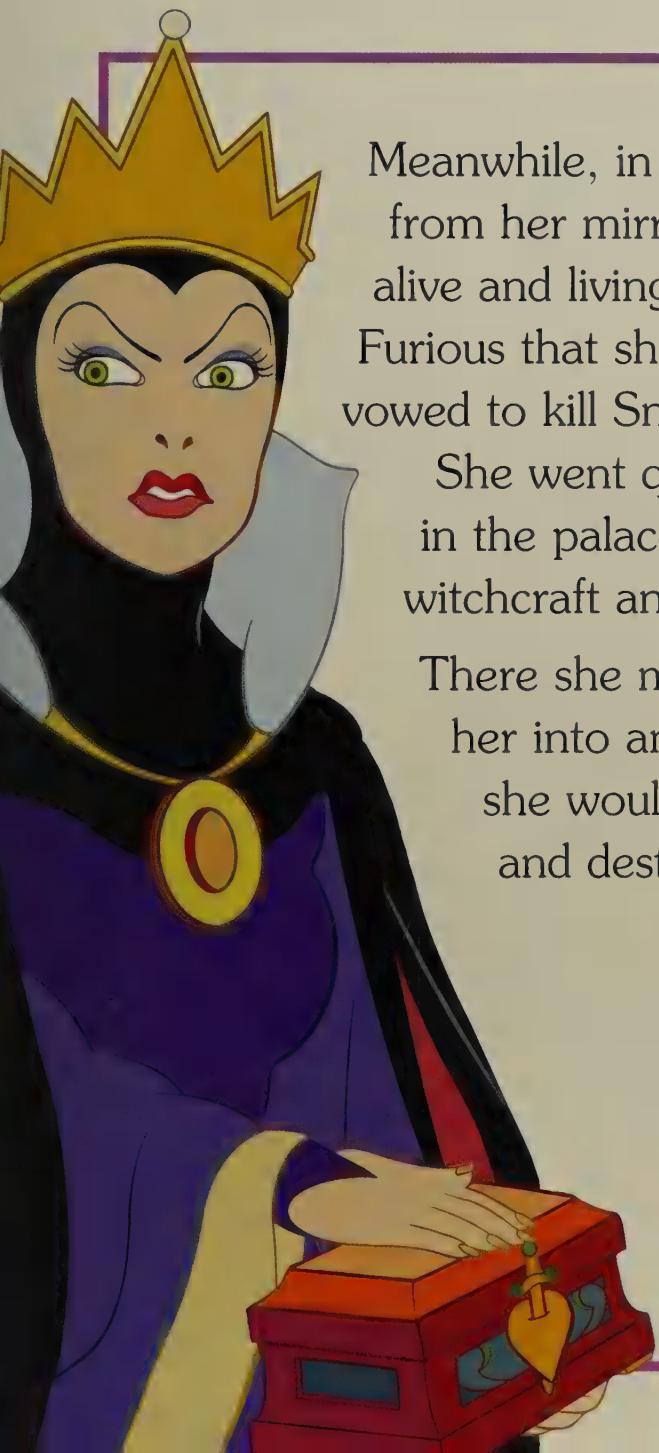
All the dwarfs had a wash, except Grumpy who stubbornly refused.

The dwarfs looked at each other and nodded. And before he knew what was happening, Grumpy had been picked up and dumped in the tub! As he fumed and fussed, the dwarfs washed him till he shone.







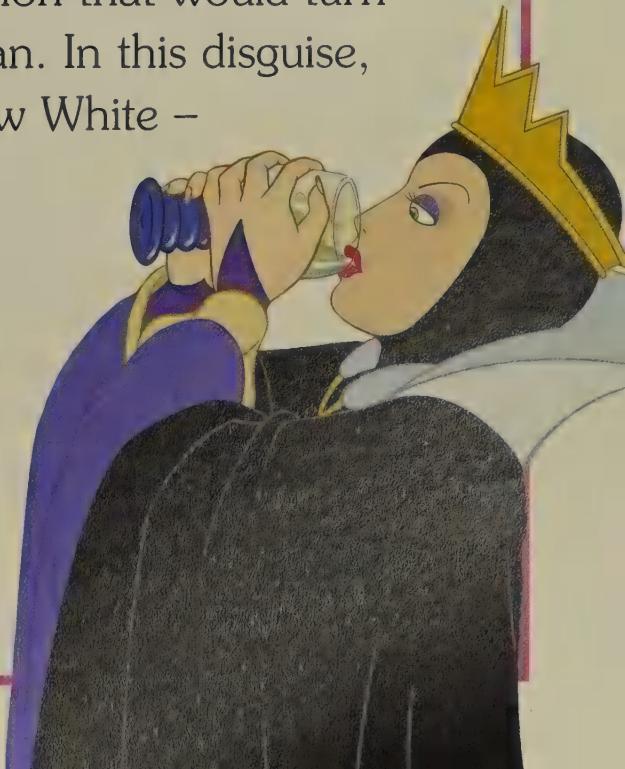


Meanwhile, in the castle, the Queen learned from her mirror that Snow White was still alive and living with the seven dwarfs.

Furious that she had been deceived, the Queen vowed to kill Snow White with her own hands.

She went quickly to the deepest dungeon in the palace where she worked spells of witchcraft and black magic.

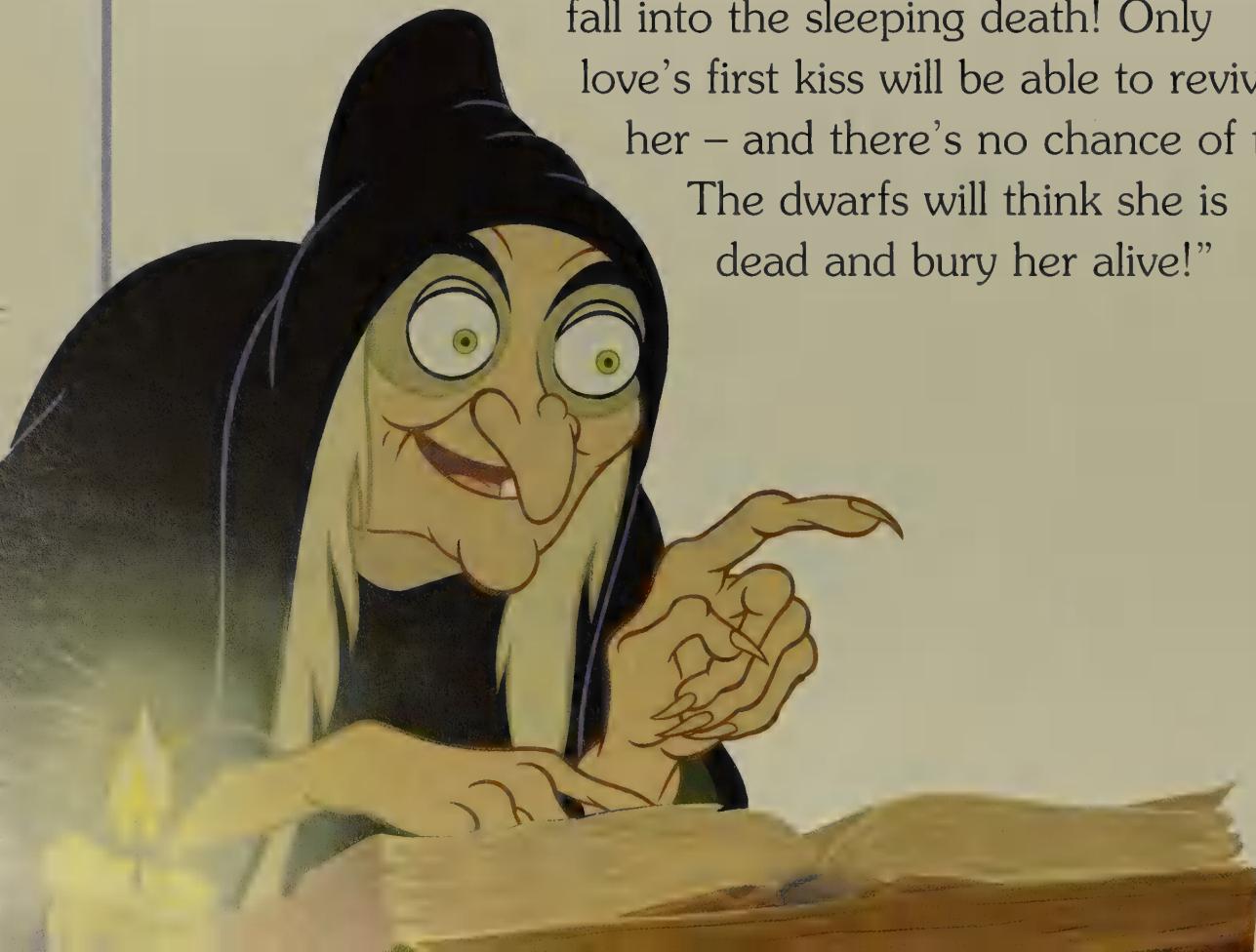
There she mixed a potion that would turn her into an old woman. In this disguise, she would visit Snow White – and destroy her.



In her secret chamber, the Queen, now transformed into a toothless old woman, was busy making a deadly present for Snow White. She dipped a bright red apple into a vat of poison, then chanted a magic spell over it.

“One bite of this,” she hissed, “and Snow White will fall into the sleeping death! Only love’s first kiss will be able to revive her – and there’s no chance of that!

The dwarfs will think she is dead and bury her alive!”









The next day, while the dwarfs were away working in their mine, the Queen visited Snow White.

Snow White's animal friends knew that the old woman was the Queen in disguise and they were worried for

Snow White. They raced to the mine to get the dwarfs.



‘Something must be – ah-choo! – wrong,’ cried Sneezy, when the animals began pushing and tugging them towards the cottage.

“Maybe the Queen’s got Snow White!” said Sleepy.

“The Queen!” cried Doc.
“Let’s go!” And they raced home.

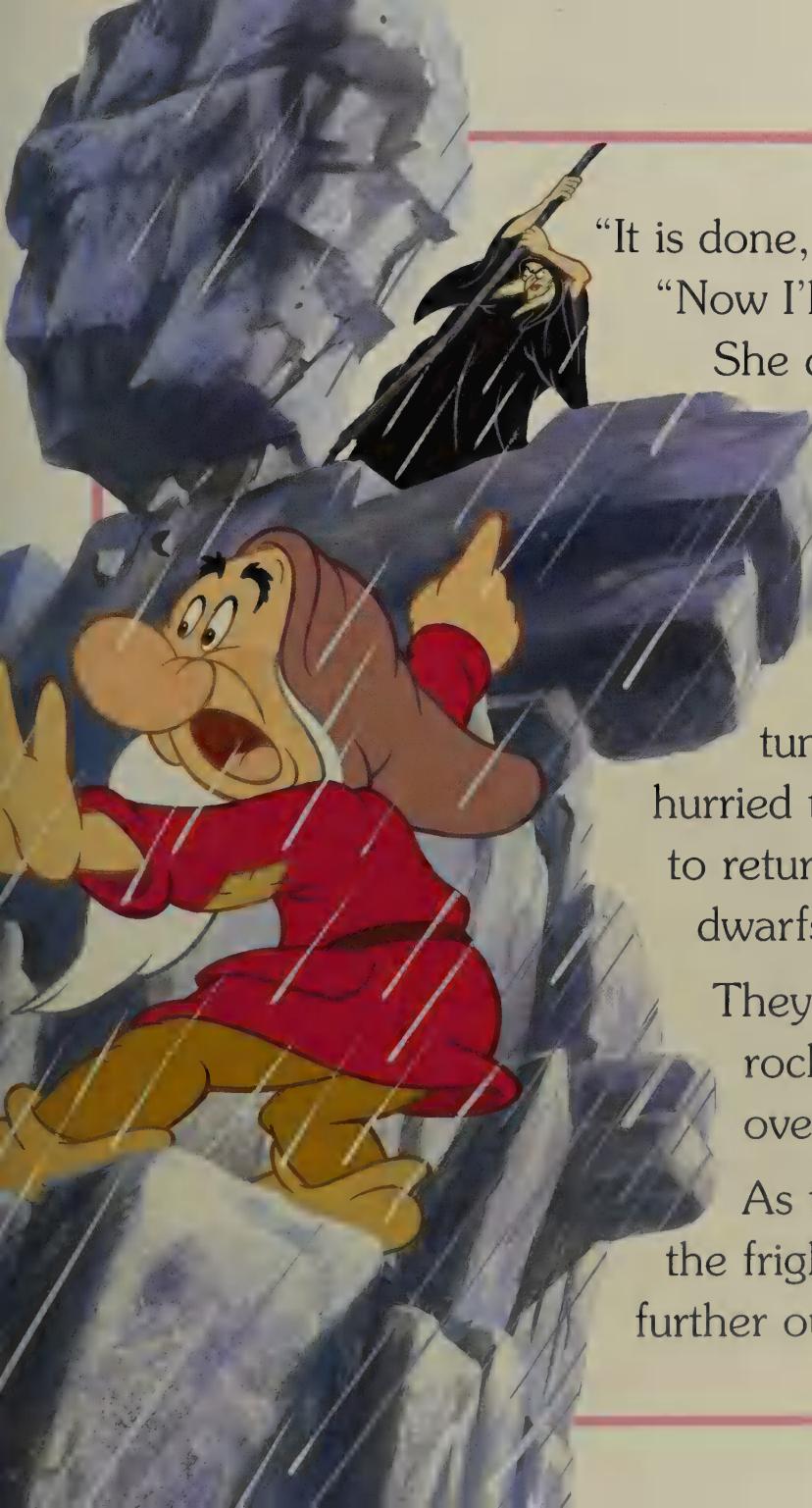
But the dwarfs were not fast enough. At the cottage, the wicked old woman was holding the juicy red apple out to Snow White. "This is a magic wishing apple," she told her. "It will give you anything your heart desires. Go on, take it."

Snow White thought at once of the Prince she had met in the castle garden. Taking the apple, she said, "I wish that I will meet my Prince again, and that together we will travel to his kingdom." Then she took a bite. She moaned softly and fell to the floor.









“It is done,” shrieked the old woman.

“Now I’ll be fairest in the land!”

She cackled triumphantly and ran from the cottage.

As she did, a clap of thunder shook the sky, lightning ripped through the clouds, and rain tumbled down. The Queen hurried through the woods, eager to return to her castle. But the dwarfs had arrived.

They chased the Queen up a rocky hill and out onto a cliff, overhanging a deep ravine.

As the dwarfs came closer, the frightened Queen clambered further out onto the rocky ledge.



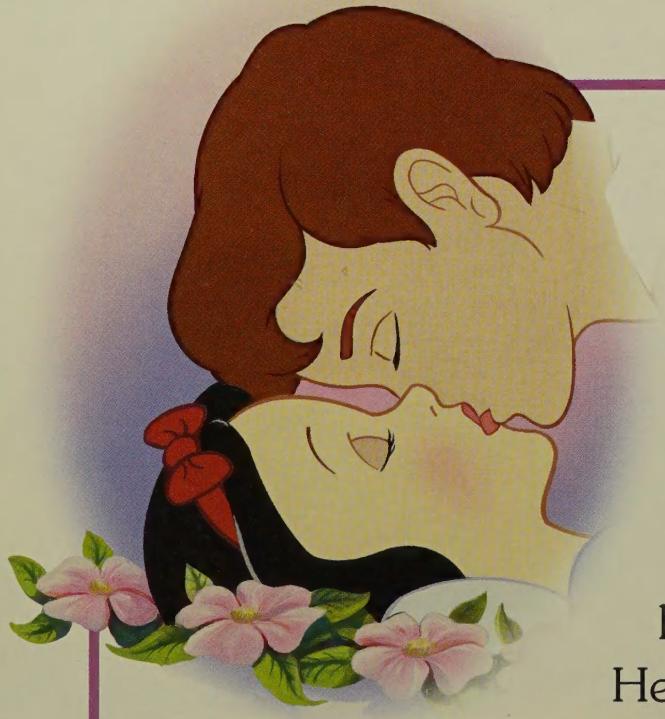
The Queen began to loosen an enormous boulder and push it towards the dwarfs.

But just as the boulder started to come free, a bolt of lightning hit the rock. The ledge shattered and fell, taking the boulder and the wicked Queen with it.

The dwarfs hurried back to the cottage, only to find Snow White lying pale and still on the floor. "She's – she's dead," stammered Sleepy.

Snow White looked so beautiful that the dwarfs could not bear to bury her. Instead they made a crystal coffin and carried it to the forest.





One day a handsome young man came riding through the forest. He was the very same Prince who had met Snow White by the well. When he saw her lying in the coffin, he climbed down from his horse and knelt beside her.

He bent over her still body and kissed her tenderly.

All at once Snow White's eyes opened. She was alive! When she saw the Prince her face lit up with joy. As the dwarfs cheered and danced with happiness, the Prince took Snow White in his arms.



This exciting story of Snow White, her wicked stepmother, and the seven dwarfs who become her friends, is a magical tale of friendship and true love.



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